

# H. R. 12900

[Report No. 95-1591]

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 31, 1978

Mr. FAUNTROY (for himself, Mr. BARNARD, Mr. EVANS of Delaware, Mr. GERHARDT, Mr. LEACH, Mr. MATTOX, Ms. OAKAR, Mr. PATTISON of New York, Mr. SEIBERLING, and Mrs. SPELLMAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs

SEPTEMBER 20, 1978

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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## A BILL

To provide for additional assistance for the preservation of historic structures under title I of the National Housing Act.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3       That this Act may be cited as the "Historic Properties Im-  
4       provement Loan Insurance Act of 1978".

5       SEC. 2. (a) The first paragraph of section 2 (a) of the  
6       National Housing Act is amended by striking out " , and, as  
7       used in this section, the term 'historic structures' means" and  
8       all that follows through the period at the end thereof and  
9       inserting in lieu thereof the following: ". The term 'historic  
10       structures' means structures which are listed in the National

1 Register of Historic Places or which are located in a regis-  
 2 tered historic district and are certified by the Secretary of the  
 3 Interior as being of historic significance to the district. The  
 4 term 'registered historic district' means (A) any district  
 5 listed in the National Register of Historic Places, and (B)  
 6 any district (i) which is designated under a statute of the  
 7 appropriate State or local government, if such statute is certi-  
 8 fied by the Secretary of the Interior to the Secretary as con-  
 9 taining criteria which will substantially achieve the purposes  
 10 of preserving and rehabilitating buildings of historic signifi-  
 11 cance to the district, and (ii) which is certified by the Sec-  
 12 retary of the Interior to the Secretary as meeting substan-  
 13 tially all of the requirements for the listing of districts in the  
 14 National Register. The term 'preservation' means restoration  
 15 or rehabilitation of an historic structure which the Secretary  
 16 of the Interior has certified to the Secretary as being con-  
 17 sistent with the historic character of such property or the  
 18 district in which such property is located." *Register of His-*  
 19 *toric Places, or which are determined by the Secretary of the*  
 20 *Interior as meeting the criteria for placement on the National*  
 21 *Register of Historic Places, or which are located in a regis-*  
 22 *tered historic district. The term 'registered historic district'*  
 23 *means (A) any district listed in the National Register of*  
 24 *Historic Places, or (B) any district which is designated*  
 25 *under a statute of the appropriate State or local government*

1 *if such statute is certified by the Secretary of the Interior*  
2 *to the Secretary as containing criteria which will substantially*  
3 *achieve the purposes of preserving and rehabilitating build-*  
4 *ings of historic significance to the district. The term ‘preser-*  
5 *vation’ means restoration or rehabilitation of an historic*  
6 *structure consistent with the historic character of such*  
7 *property or the district in which such property is located.”.*

8 (b) The next-to-last undesignated paragraph of section  
9 2 (b) of such Act is amended—

10 (1) by striking out “\$15,000 per family unit” in  
11 subparagraph (1) and inserting in lieu thereof “\$35,000  
12 per unit; except that such amount may be increased to  
13 \$50,000 in any geographical area where the Secretary,  
14 in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, deter-  
15 mines such an increase is necessary because of the cost  
16 levels in such area”; and

17 (2) by striking out “fifteen” in subparagraph (2)  
18 and inserting in lieu thereof “twenty-five”.

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